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**THREE MEN INDICTED ON FEDERAL BANK ROBBERY CHARGES**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that German Zapata, Richard Prather, and Ramon Hernandez were indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury in Del Rio of conspiracy to commit bank robbery, bank robbery and aggravated bank robbery.

The indictment alleges that on November 1, 2007, the three men conspired to and did steal approximately \$38,000 from the Del Rio National Bank. It further alleges that on October 31, 2007, the three defendants met in a parking lot near the United States Federal Courthouse in Del Rio, Texas and discussed the planned robbery of the Del Rio National Bank. The next day, Richard Prather entered the Del Rio National Bank, displayed what appeared to be a firearm, and demanded money from Ramon Hernandez, the bank teller and person with whom Prather and Zapata conspired to rob the bank the previous day. Prather took \$38,000 from Hernandez, left the bank, and departed in a vehicle with Zapata. On November 3, 2007, Zapata and Prather were arrested in Corpus Christi, Texas in connection with the Del Rio National Bank robbery.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Assistant United States Attorney Jay Combs is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

**A indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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